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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, enclosed are references relating to the above-identified application. Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement. For the convenience of the Examiner, these references along with a copy of the International Search Report, are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each is enclosed herewith. In addition, U.S. 5,756,306 has been cited in this IDS.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of this application and their consideration be made of written record in the application file.

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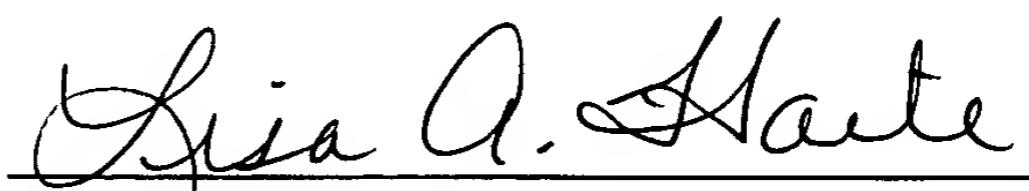
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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages);
3. International Search Report Mailed August 17, 2001;
4. Seventeen (17) references; and
5. Return postcard.

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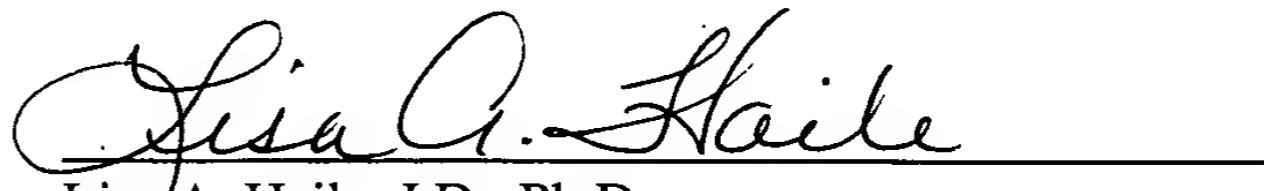
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